



# Litter Sweep

## April 19 - May 3

**Join together  
with your friends,  
family, co-  
workers and  
anyone else to  
help clean up our  
increasing  
amounts of  
roadside litter.**

**The Board of  
Commissioners  
proclaim  
"Litter Sweep"  
throughout  
Catawba County**



Litter Sweep is the NC Department of Transportation's bi-annual spring and fall clean-up drive. The Governor of North Carolina issues a proclamation during each clean-up to encourage North Carolina citizens, businesses, local governments, civic groups and Adopt-A-Highway volunteers to participate in making our state clean, green and beautiful. Catawba County Board of Commissioners also issues a proclamation of "Litter Sweep in Catawba County to coincide with the governor. Litter Sweep promotes litter clean up in our public areas, highways, lakes, streams, parks and neighborhoods.

### How Can You Help?

- Organize a team to pick up litter in your community.
- Choose an area to clean up (your neighborhood street, county road, park, lake, or stream).
- Register your team with the Litter Sweep Coordinator.

- Pick up materials: orange trash bags, blue recycling bags, safety vests, and gloves.
- Clean up your area!
- Call to have your bags picked up, or drop them off at a convenience center.

### To Register Your Team

Call Kelly Groves, Litter Sweep Coordinator, NC Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Resources Center, 828-465-8250. Registered volunteers will receive certificates of appreciation from the NC Department of Transportation.

### Material Pick Up Sites

NC Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Resources Center, Newton, 828-465-8250

Catawba County Utilities and Engineering, Government Center, Newton, 828-465-8217

### Wanted:

**Volunteers  
concerned with  
the environment**

NC Department of Transportation, 1302 Prison Camp Rd., Newton, 828-466-5519

Garbage Disposal Service (GDS), 4062 Section House Rd., Hickory, 828-256-2158

### Trash Bag Removal

Call the NC Department of Transportation Maintenance Office at 828-466-5519 to arrange collection of orange trash bags, or you can drop them off at a convenience center for free during litter sweep weeks.

Your team is responsible for taking blue recycling bags to convenience centers for recycling.

### County Convenience Centers

Cooksville—Rhoney Farm Rd.  
704-462-1497

Blackburn—Rocky Ford Rd.  
704-465-2496

Newton—Bethany Church Rd.  
828-465-4635

Oxford—Lookout Dam Rd.  
828-241-3774

Sherrills Ford—Sherrills Ford Rd.  
828-478-2248

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## For More Information:

[www.ncdot.org/~littersweep](http://www.ncdot.org/~littersweep)

The Litter Sweep Hotline: 1-800-331-5864  
Contact Catawba County Cooperative Extension at 828-465-8250  
NC Department of Transportation, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator at 704-748-2400

## Special Offer

Garbage Disposal Service (GDS) will provide white goods collection at no charge during Litter Sweep weeks. This service is offered to current GDS residential customers upon request beginning April 19 and Ending May 3. Please call 828-256-2158 to schedule your pick up.

## Other ways you can help keep Catawba County litter free:

### Keep Catawba County Beautiful

KCCB promotes education and responsible behavior regarding littering, recycling, proper solid waste management, and beautification through positive individual and community involvement which will enhance the quality of life for all.

For more information about Keep Catawba County Beautiful, contact Kelly Groves, NC Cooperative Extension, Catawba County Center at 828-465-8246 or [kgroves@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:kgroves@catawbacountync.gov)



### Swat a Litterbug

This program provides every citizen the opportunity to be an active participant in ensuring that the highways and roads of our state are kept clean and beautiful.

To report litter law violations:  
[www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification)  
1-877-DOT\_4YOU

Or call 1-800-331-5864 to ask for report cards.



### Adopt-A-Highway

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Adopt-A-Highway saves taxpayers approximately \$4 million annually in roadside cleanup costs. It is one of the largest anti-litter programs in the nation, representing approximately 6,000 groups that include around 120,000 volunteers statewide. These volunteers have adopted about 12,000 miles of state-maintained roads.

For more information about Adopt-A-Highway, contact Mike Watson, at 704-748-2400 or [mwatson@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:mwatson@dot.state.nc.us)

### 2008 North Carolina Big Sweep

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Whittenburg Access Area, off Hwy 127 at Catawba River Bridge

An International Coastal Cleanup event during which volunteers throughout North Carolina and approximately 90 countries worldwide come together to clean up our rivers, lakes, and oceans.

For more information, contact the Catawba County Big Sweep Coordinator Jim Carr of WHKY Radio at 828-322-1225.

<http://www.ncbigssweep.org>